



Co-Occurring Policy Advisory Team
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2009

Summary

Co-Occurring Policy Advisory Team Members in Attendance (7)

Dr. Kellie Warren, Chair (Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections)
Greg Dicharry (Magellan Health Services)
Clifford W. Ford (Administrative Office of the Courts)
Dan Haley (Community Partnership of Southern Arizona)
James de Jesus (Department of Health Services)
Stephanie Keefe (COPE Community Services, Inc.)
Vicki Staples (Center for Applied Behavioral Health Policy, Arizona State University)

Co-Occurring Policy Advisory Team Members Absent (2)

Karen Hellman (Arizona Department of Corrections)
Michelle Skurka (Arizona Department of Health Services)

Governor's Office Staff (5)

Jeanne Blackburn (GOCYF, DSAP)
La'Tanya King (GOCYF, DSAP)
Cassandra Larsen (GOCYF)
Melissa Lempke (GOCYF, DSAP)
Keri Raichert (GOCYF, DSAP)

Public (2)

Joanne Basta (LeCroy & Milligan) – *via teleconference*
Ron Schmidt (H.O.P.E., Inc.)

Call to Order and Welcome

Dr. Kellie Warren called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and welcomed members.

Introduction of Participants and Guests

Members and guests provided introductions per the request of Dr. Warren.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Kellie Warren referred members to the previous month's meeting minutes, calling for any corrections. Ms. Vicki Staples noted a correction to the spelling of her name, in addition to a misprint regarding the dates of the 2009 Summer Institute. The Summer Institute is scheduled to be held July 20 – 24, 2009. No formal motion made to approve minutes.



Federal Site Visit

Ms. La'Tanya King commented that the federal site visit conducted by consultants for SAMHSA, CSAT went well and that the office is currently working on providing the site evaluators with additional information. Ms. Staples noted that she will also be providing additional information. Per the request of **Mr. Dan Haley**, La'Tanya agreed to forward him a copy of the report.

Update from Partnering Agencies and Organizations

Dr. Kellie Warren called for updates from partnering agencies and organizations.

- **Ms. Stephanie Keefe** stated that C.O.P.E. continues to work on the Access to Recovery (ATR) grant, commenting that a recent federal site visit was conducted.
- **Mr. Clifford Ford** reported that AOC continues to meet regularly with ADHS to work collaboratively on protocols to better serve individuals with co-occurring disorders. In particular, the agency is working to ensure no gap in treatment services for youth transitioning from the juvenile system to the adult system.
- **Mr. Dan Haley** reported that CPSA continues to work to develop policy to better serve individuals with co-occurring disorders who transition in and out of the system.
- **Mr. Ron Schmidt** reported that H.O.P.E. is working to coordinate another alumni meeting.
- **Ms. Vicki Staples** stated that ASU is continuing to collect follow-up information on the pilot project. Preliminary data will be available in July and the draft final report is expected to be completed by October.
- **Mr. Greg Dicharry** reported on the youth leadership meetings and noted that participation in Durango will begin in a couple of weeks. Mr. Dicharry relayed that they are looking to do something specific around youth in the juvenile justice system.
- **Mr. James de Jesus** indicated that in addition to continuing to meet with system partners to address strategic planning goals, ADHS is planning additional training for the RBHAs.
- **Dr. Warren** provided updates on several upcoming programs that seek to better serve justice-involved juveniles with co-occurring disorders. Dr. Warren provided an overview of the Post Adjudication Diversion Services (PADS) Program that launched April 6, 2009, and provided information about the Day and Evening Support Center that is expected to launch on May 31, 2009 as well as the Skills for Work Program.

The Day and Evening Support Center will provide youth on parole status with behavioral health and substance abuse services. Dr. Warren noted that the initiative is a cost-neutral process, utilizing existing resources. The goal of the center is to provide services to youth in the community to reduce the chance of recidivism.



The Skills for Work Program provides the opportunity for youth in secure care to learn various job skills and to develop job-seeking skills. Training and services are offered near the time of transition in hopes to decrease the likelihood of recidivism.

- **Ms. Joanne Basta** reported that LeCroy & Milligan is analyzing stakeholder interviews, coding documents, and writing reports.

CPAT Goals – Sustainability action plan, community partners, open public discussion

Sustainability Action Plan

Dr. Kellie Warren provided an overview of the original purpose of CPAT. The group was founded to be the primary voice of the Arizona Co-SIG, in addition to creating an increased awareness of co-occurring disorders, ensuring the availability and implementation of effective screening and assessment tools, and ensuring that staff are trained and have the necessary skills to respond to individuals with co-occurring disorders.

Dr. Kellie Warren referred to the needs assessment work group as an important sustainability component, noting that the group is working to marry assessment tools. **Ms. Vicki Staples** commented that the screening and assessment tool has been revised, and that the group is currently looking at different options for rollout and training.

Mr. Clifford Ford commented that the assessment tool for adults was validated and training for officers for the mental health and substance abuse portion of the tool is underway. Mr. Ford reported that ASU will be evaluating the implementation and the effectiveness of the trainings.

Mr. Clifford Ford noted that there may be training for officers on transitioning individuals from the juvenile system to the adult system. He also relayed that many individuals with co-occurring disorders are receiving Petition to Revoke orders (PTR), which increases the number of individuals returned to prison. Actions, such as mediation, that can be taken prior to, or instead of, the PTR process are being explored.

Dr. Kellie Warren commented that in addressing sustainability of the Co-SIG efforts, it will be important for agencies to share resources and ensure that the voice of those being served is incorporated into the development of strategies. Several members noted ways in which feedback is collected by consumers and support systems. **Mr. Greg Dicharry** communicated that participation by those served allows for the enhancement of systems and is beneficial for the individual's personal recovery.

Mr. Ron Schmidt mentioned that facilitation of the consumer-input process is key.

Ms. Stephanie Keefe noted that the survey provided to all Access to Recovery (ATR) participants could be used as a model for gathering consumer input.



Ms. Vicki Staples referred to the NIDA Criminal Justice—Drug Abuse Treatment Studies that examine implementation, screening, and assessment. She offered to provide the group with an overview of the study at a future meeting and can provide information on the evaluation of the CO-SIG project after its completion.

Dr. Kellie Warren encouraged DBHS to include the topic of co-occurring disorders as part of its strategic plan.

Mr. Ron Schmidt mentioned that it is important to ensure a strong support network for individuals with co-occurring disorders who are preparing to re-enter the community.

Community Partners

Dr. Kellie Warren noted the importance of involving partners responsible for working with juveniles with co-occurring disorders, noting that representation from DES and ADE would be valuable. In asking for additional thoughts, members noted that representation from the Learn Centers, family services, Pima County Juvenile Court, New Foundations, transition specialist at ADE, consumers, family advocates, the faith-based community, Parc Place, tribal communities, and individuals working directly within the systems would be important voices at the table.

Open Public Discussion

Dr. Kellie Warren asked the public members present for any additional input.

Ms. Cassandra Larsen noted that Primavera and various charter schools may be helpful partners.

Ms. Jeanne Blackburn suggested Rio Salado as a resource for GED preparation.

Ms. Melissa Lempke emphasized the importance of addressing sustainability, as the Co-SIG ends in September.

Dr. Kellie Warren relayed that even without funding, it will still be important for the group to meet and be the voice for issues related to co-occurring disorders. Dr. Warren noted the original reason for the group's establishment was awareness, which continues to be an issue. Other members expressed the continued need for increasing awareness and collaborating among systems of care to better serve individuals with co-occurring disorders.

Next Steps

Dr. Kellie Warren noted that next steps include developing a work plan to meet their goals and objectives.

Mr. Clifford Ford commented that it will be important to identify gaps as the group works to address sustainability.



Upcoming Activities

As the logistics become solidified for the upcoming symposium, **Dr. Kellie Warren** will relay details and request member and other stakeholder participation.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, June 16, 2009 – 6th Floor Conference Room B

Dr. Kellie Warren requested a change to the upcoming meeting date. Members agreed to change it to Tuesday, June 23, 2009.

Mr. Greg Dicharry relayed that a co-occurring work group at Magellan is creating subgroups that will address different topic areas. He requested members' input and participation on the subgroups.

Adjourn at 2:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Keri Raichert and Jeanne Blackburn (GOCYF, DSAP).